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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 176X)

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY--  
ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION--IN CALCASIEU PARISH, LA

Decided: May 21, 2000

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) filed a notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 Subpart F--Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuances of Service and Trackage Rights to abandon a 2.27-mile line of railroad over the Goss Port Industrial Lead from milepost 694.71 to milepost 696.98 in Lake Charles, Calcasieu, Parish, LA. Notice of the exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on April 25, 2001 (66 FR 20858). The exemption is scheduled to become effective on May 25, 2001.

The Board's Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) served an environmental assessment (EA) in this proceeding on April 30, 2001. In the EA, SEA states that the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) has not completed its review of the proposed abandonment. Therefore, SEA recommends the imposition of a condition requiring that UP consult with the NGS prior to initiation of any salvage operations and notify NGS not less than ninety days prior to commencement of such operations. The condition will therefore be imposed.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Upon reconsideration, the exemption of the abandonment of the line described above is subject to the conditions that UP consult with the NGS prior to initiation of any salvage operations and notify NGS not less than ninety days prior to commencement of such operations.
2. This decision is effective on its service date.

By the Board, David M. Konschnik, Director, Office of Proceedings.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary